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SUBJECT: REPLY TO DR. JANOS LASANYI LETTER ON IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF S&T EXCHANGES -

REF: A) STATE 113647; B) EISENSTADT-MORRIS LETTER, MAY 8

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO DR.
LASANYI OF KKI AT ONCE AND TO CONFIRM ITS DELIVERY BY CABLE
TO DEPARTMENT. --

2.
DR. JANOS LASANYI
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
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HUNGARY

DEAR DR. LASANYI:

THANK YOU FOR SENDING TO MR. G.MICHAEL EISENSTADT OF THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY ON APRIL 7 THE COMMENTS OF THE HUNGARIAN
MINISTRIES ON THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE UNITED STATES

AGENCIES AT OUR MEETING IN FEBRUARY. TRANSMITTAL OF THIS

LETTER TO ME HAS BEEN DELAYED. IN MY REPLY I SHALL AMPLIFY OUR COMMENTS ON YOUR MINISTRIES SUGGESTIONS THAT I CABLED TO THE EMBASSY ON MAY 4 AS WELL AS ANSWER SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED IN YOUR LETTER.

WE, TOO, HAVE DISTRIBUTED THE INFORMATION AND SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR COOPERATION THAT YOU PROVIDED, AND OUR AGENCIES HAVE FOUND IT MOST USEFUL. FOLLOWING YOUR REQUEST IN FEBRUARY, WE ALSO SENT THE MATERIAL TO THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA), BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS THE EIGHT AGENCIES WHOSE PROGRAMS WE DISCUSSED IN FEBRUARY.

AFTER REVIEW OF THIS MATERIAL WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING TO REPORT.

-- NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE A DELEGATION; IT HAS SENT MISS WINCE TO BUDAPEST MAY 29;

-- NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS WOULD LIKE TO SEND DR. H. STEFFEN PEISER TO HUNGARY ON OR ABOUT JUNE 19 (DR. PEISER WOULD REPLACE DR. EDWARD BRADY, WHOSE NAME I MENTIONED IN FEBRUARY);
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-- DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE AND TO SEND A DELEGATION;

-- THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH (OIH) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COORDINATES INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES FOR THE DEPARTMENT IN HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES, AND IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE A DELEGATION. THE OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO SEND TWO PERSONS TO BUDAPEST TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMS AND DESIGN A MUTUALLY DESIRED PROGRAM IN AREAS OF STRENGTH;

-- THE SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE (SRS) AND THE FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER AT HEW WOULD ALSO BOTH LIKE TO EXCHANGE DELEGATIONS, THE LATTER IN THE AREA OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH;

-- THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) WOULD RECEIVE A DELEGATION AND MAY SEND ONE. THE AGENCY HAS SUGGESTED BUILDING ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ITS DR. A. BREIDENBACH AND DR. PAL BENEDEK OF THE HUNGARIAN INSTITUTE OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL;

-- OUR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUGGESTS COORDINATION
OF EXPLORATORY EXCHANGES WITH DR. DESZO KUSZEL, DIRECTOR

OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN THE HUNGARIAN MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION AND POSTAL AFFAIRS;

-- THE BUREAU OF MINES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NOMINATES DR. DAVID FORSHEY TO VISIT THE MINING RESEARCH
INSTITUTE IN BUDAPEST TO DISCUSS MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY;

-- THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE
DELEGATIONS;

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-- THE OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION SUGGESTS EXCHANGES ARRANGED BY MR.
GARY D. COBB, DIRECTOR, AND MR. KREMPELS, THE HUNGARIAN
CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER PROBLEMS COMMITTEE OF THE UN
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE;

-- THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION DOES NOT WISH TO TAKE PART
IN THE EXCHANGES AT THIS TIME, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED NO
ANSWER FROM THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OR THE TVA.

WE QUITE UNDERSTAND THAT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES THAT MAY FALL
UNDER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ONE COUNTRY MAY NOT IN
ANOTHER, BUT AGREE THAT THE MEDICAL REHABILITATION
ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE WILL
BE OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

YOUR SUGGESTION THAT THE US DELEGATION IN EACH AREA COME
TO HUNGARY BEFORE THE HUNGARIAN GROUP VISITS THE US IS AN
EXCELLENT ONE THAT WE SHALL TRY TO FOLLOW.

I REGRET THAT THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY DR.
SZALOCZY AND DR. VAJNA COULD NOT BE ARRANGED ON THE DATES
YOU SUGGESTED. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL
RESCHEDULE THIS AT AN EARLY DATE AND WE WELCOME THE
PROSPECT OF THEIR VISIT.

AT A MEETING WITH OUR AGENCIES ON MAY 25 I PASSED ON TO
THEM ALL THE COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS IN YOUR APRIL 7
LETTER. LET US CONTINUE TO PLAN FOR THIS IMPORTANT SERIES
OF EXPLORATORY EXCHANGES SO THAT WE MAY ACQUAINT EACH
SIDE WITH THE NEEDS AND CAPABILITIES OF THE OTHER. IN
THIS WAY WE CAN LAY THE BASIS FOR A CONTINUING AND HIGHLY
BENEFICIAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

ROBERT G. MORRIS, DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF SOVIET AND EASTERN
EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS CHRISTOPHER

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